

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated Jan 24, 2008. The Applicant believes the case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests issue of a notice of allowance. To the extent any objections or rejections are still applicable, they are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-14, 16-32, 34-36, and 38-45 are now pending in the case.

Claims 1, 16, 17, 31, 32, 34-36, and 38-45 have been amended.

Dependent claims 15, 33, and 37 have been cancelled and their subject matter incorporated into their corresponding independent claims.

No new claims have been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

At paragraphs 6-7 of the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 40-45 and indicated dependent claims 8-6, 24-30, 33, 34, 37, and 38 contained allowable subject matter.

The Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 17, 31, 32, and 35 to included the indicated allowable subject matter of dependent claims 15, 33, and 37. Further the Applicant has rewritten indicated allowable dependent claims 16, 34, and 38 in independent form. All such claims, and those dependent claims that depend therefrom, are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

Further, the Applicant has amended allowed claims 40-45 to correct various typographical errors. Namely, the Applicant noticed the accidental double inclusion of a claim limitation in claim 40, and the absence of "as defined in" in claims 41-45, and corrected these errors. Such corrections are not believed to affect the allowability of these claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

At paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-4, 7, 17-20, 23, 31, 32, and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Wang, U.S. Patent No. 7,054,304 (hereinafter “Wang”).

As discussed above, the Applicant has incorporated indicated allowable subject matter into claims 1, 17, 31, 32, and 35. Accordingly, such claims, and those dependent claims that depend there from, are believed to be allowable.

Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

At paragraph 3 of the Office Action, claims 5, 6, 21, 22, 36, and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Wang in view of Hoffpauir et al., U.S. Statutory Invention Registration No. H001,964(hereinafter “Hoffpauir”).

The Applicant notes that claims 5, 6, 21, 22, 36, and 39 are dependent claims that depend from independent claims believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed above. Claims 7-10 are believed to be allowable due to their dependency, as well as for other separate reasons.

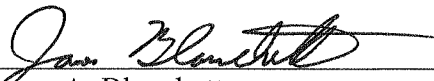
Should the Examiner believe telephonic contact would be helpful in the disposition of this Application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 951-2500.

In summary, all the independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and therefore all dependent claims that depend there from are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully solicits favorable action.

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